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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Clifford P. Case re Radio Free  
Europe and Radio Liberty

1. Today Cord Meyer, ADDP, and I joined David Abshire and Dick Davies, of State, in meeting Senator Case and John Marks, of his staff, in the Senator's office to discuss proposed legislation setting up a public-private corporation for operating the Radios. Senator Case said in general he approved the draft legislation but would like to reserve final decision on several details such as:

- a. Whether the President should appoint all the members of the proposed Board,
- b. Whether he could have assurances that the new organization would not be used for "behind the barn" financing of other activities, and
- c. Whether the appropriations should be subject to annual authorization.

2. Senator Case remarked that Senator Fulbright "seemed to be OK" so far as the legislation was concerned. Mr. Davies commented that if no appropriation was passed this year some other solution must be found. Senator Case remarked that in this case we might have to continue for another year with the present arrangement. I said this would not appear possible, since Chairmen Ellender and Mahon had been adamant in insisting that funds for the Radios could not be included in the CIA budget for FY 72.

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25X1 3. Senator Case suggested, and Mr. Davies agreed, that it might be well to include in the proposed bill a specific authorization, and [ ] was mentioned.

4. On the question of procedures for a hearing in the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Case said he'd like to discuss this with Carl Marcy but he thought some sort of open hearing would be desirable as a formality since he didn't want the new arrangement to "start off in a flurry of secrecy." Mr. Marks commented that Bob Dockery would be handling it for the Foreign Relations Committee.



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